

Present: M. Preece (Chair); J. Morrison (Vice Chair); M. Khan (Speaker); P. Hommersen (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); M. Bartlett; A. Boshnakova; D. Braggins; M.J. Carroll; M. Cassidy; L. Cipparrone; K. Cowie; S. Cumming; J. Ferguson; A. Flint; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; M. Ghalayini; A. Gopaul; G. Grant; D. Greenwood; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; A. Hollenberg; J. Humphreys; J. Irwin; Y. Katz; F. Koch; K. Kurichh; C. Lawrence; M. Lemon; A. Lightbody; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; M. Lysack; K. Mahmud; A. Malik; H. Malik; I. Marley; M. Marsella; I. McNab; S. McNabney; B. Pham; L. Phyllis; V. Picicci; A. Plante; K. Rankin; K. Rukszto; P. Sarkissian; A. Sher; C. Somerville; M. Spence-Ariemma; P. Stubbs; J. Sweeney-Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini; T. Tracewicz; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; A. Venkatapathy

Guests: E. Benson; M. Frazer; R. Hoar; R. Piper; J. Staples

Absent with Regrets: L. Dalton; R. Giberson; N. Gukhool; B. Jervis; M. Kukhta; S. McGinness; L. Piccolo; R. Rosenberg; N. Sheppard; C. Ter-Steege; C. Wollen

Absent: M. Daniel; Z. Dirse; J. Ginter; J. Mactaggart; K. McMullen; M. Melymick; H. Overhill; Z. Sayyed; D. Shalimo

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

Quorum was confirmed and the Speaker called the meeting to order. The Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations. The Speaker introduced Aravind Venkatapathy – a new Senator from FAST.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – February 23, 2017

Moved by I. McNab; seconded by S. Lowndes:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the February 23, 2017 meeting agenda.
Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – January 26, 2017

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by J. Urowitz:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Senate Evaluation Survey – Update – Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker thanked all Senators who took the time to fill in the Senate Evaluation Survey. The Senate Executive will review the consolidated results at the next Senate Executive meeting in early March with the intention to bring the themes and recommendations forward to the March Senate meeting if possible.

4.0 President's Report

The Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) Degree has now been released by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) to PEQAB.

The President's upcoming Coffee Chats are on March 14th and April 5th. The February 21st Town Hall as well as the February 14th Coffee Chat sessions were well attended. The next Town Hall will be on April 18th.

The morning of February 23rd, Sheridan had an orientation with Brian Tamblyn, Special Advisor for the College Strategic Mandate Agreements. The Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) is an agreement between the Board and the Ministry which defines Sheridan's agreed-to priorities and objectives and describes the funding formula.

MAESD has appointed a Secretariat for the SMA administration. This second iteration of the SMA will extend from 2017-2020. While there will not be a financial penalty for this iteration of the SMA if we do not deliver on the accountability measures, there will be financial implication for the next iteration.

The SMA will include the following sections: student experience, innovation in teaching and learning excellence, access and equity, applied research excellence and impact, innovation and economic development and community engagement, enrolment and program direction, institutional collaborations and partnerships, and ministry/government commitments.

Next week Sheridan will receive the SMA template for completion. The draft SMA is expected to be submitted by April 7th. The final signed SMA should be complete by May/June.

Sheridan is currently in communication with one university regarding the Brampton university presence. The proposal is due on March 7th. The final decision from the Ministry is scheduled for the end of 2017.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Academic Planning Consultation – Working Session – Janet Morrison

The Provost and Vice President, Academic outlined the academic planning consultation working session and advised that she would return to a future Senate meeting with this item. Currently the focus is on academic priorities and the component pieces; this working session is to ensure that we are focused in the right areas in order to advance and drive the priorities over a 5-year planning period. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Senate website.

Once the working session had ended, the facilitators picked out the predominant themes from the feedback provided. Regarding the plusses, the themes were:

- diversity and inclusion
- continued self-assessment and support professional development for professors
- academic freedom and enhance student experience through research experiences

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- growth-mindset stimulates creativity and faculty and student growth as well as anticipates and welcomes change, and mental health and wellness
 - improving student environment improves student learning and creating a positive academic experience
 - increasingly transparent processes and allows for mindful development as we move forward

Regarding the opportunities, the themes were:

- collaboration
- training (all staff) and the notion of flexibility
- inclusivity and collaboration
- how to cultivate growth-mindset in a variety of different ways
- how to define what a space may be, how to leverage it and how to build
- flexibility and responsiveness

The common themes across both plusses and opportunities were:

- diversity
- International students
- transparency
- engagement
- space
- cross-disciplinary collaboration

The working session was facilitated by Yael Katz (Director, Institute for Creativity and Creative Campus), Sean McNabney (Associate Dean, FHASS), Sara Rumsey (Vision Transition Project Manager, Office of the Provost and VPA) and Jeremy Staples (Associate Dean, PSB).

5.2 Honours Bachelor of Computer Science Degree Program – Denis Nikitenko, Ricardo Hoar and Phil Stubbs

Denis Nikitenko, Ricardo Hoar and Phil Stubbs presented the Honours Bachelor of Computer Science Degree Program. The PowerPoint is available on the Senate SharePoint website.

Moved by P. Stubbs; seconded by S. Lowndes:

THAT Senate recommend for approval to the Board of Governors the proposed Honours Bachelor of Computer Science Degree Program.

Carried.

6.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by C. Tuck-Riggs; seconded by M. Khan:

THAT the February 23, 2017 meeting of the Sheridan Senate adjourn at 5:55pm.

Carried.